

REMARKS

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 17 and 19-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,842,587 to McGhan et al. ("McGhan") in view of U.S. Publication No. 2005/0249468 to Aronson et al. ("Aronson"); and allowed claims 1, 3, 4, and 6-16. By this amendment, Applicant has canceled claims 17 and 19-21 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter therein.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's allowance of claims 1, 3, 4, and 6-16.

Applicant does not agree with or acquiesce in the Examiner's rejection of claims 17 and 19-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). However, in an attempt to expedite prosecution, Applicant has canceled claims 17 and 19-21. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the rejection of claims 17 and 19-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is moot.

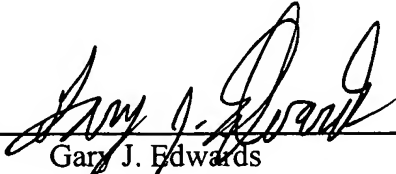
Because all pending claims have been allowed, Applicant respectfully requests the timely allowance of this application.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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